

SOVEREIGN 2141

2141 To Live and Die Together

“It’s too early to be happy!” Duan Ling Tian was not the only clear-headed one. A burly man dressed in a silver robe with a complexion as clear as jade said with a frown, “Just because we have powerhouses at the Seventh and Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage doesn’t mean the other two groups don’t have powerhouses at these levels as well. Although the entrance to this realm has closed, do you really think Lord Bai Li and Karmapa Wei Suo are the only ones at the Seventh and Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who have entered this realm?”

When the burly man finished speaking, everyone felt as though a cold bucket of water had been splashed on them. All of their excitement vanished and they began to shudder.

“He has a point! There are definitely more than two powerhouses at the Eight and Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who have entered this realm!”

“That’s true. Put aside the Black Kshetra Sect, there are almost ten sectless cultivators in Sin City who are at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage... There’s no way they didn’t receive news about the Spatial Tear. They’re definitely here as well!”

“Even if not all of them came, for example, if two or three of them didn’t come, there’s still quite a number of them. Moreover, the other Karmapas from the Black Kshetra Sect might be here as well. Considering that, the powerhouses at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage assigned to our group can’t be considered a lot.”

“Then, does this mean we don’t have the upper hand in the second test?”

“Although I’m unwilling to admit it, I think that’s the case.”

As people began to whisper among themselves, the atmosphere turned bleak.

While the others were talking among themselves, Duan Ling Tian’s attention was focused on the middle-aged man who had spoken up earlier. ‘This man resembles Dong Guo Zhi, the Young Leader of the Thousand Years Alliance, a little. Moreover, based on the way he carries himself, it seems he’s used to being a leader. Could he be...’

Duan Ling Tian was lost in his thoughts, trying to guess the identity of the middle-aged man, when a voice interrupted his thoughts.

“Isn’t that Dong Guo Yi, the Leader of the Thousand Years Alliance?” A sectless cultivator from Sin City exclaimed.

After that, more and more people began to recognize the middle-aged man.

Sure enough, it’s him!’ This confirmed Duan Ling Tian’s suspicion.

When Duan Ling Tian saw the middle-aged man’s slight resemblance to Dong Guo Zhi, the Young Leader of the Thousand Years Alliance, and the way he carried himself, Duan Ling Tian already had a good idea of who the middle-aged man was.

The Leader of the Thousand Years Alliance, Dong Guo Yi! A powerhouse at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! He was ranked at the 51st place on the Supreme Saint Ranking.

In fact, there were many sectless cultivators who recognized Dong Guo Yi, they had only forgotten about him because Bai Li and Wei Suo's presence had overshadowed him.

Naturally, Dong Guo Yi deserved recognition since he was the leader of the Thousand Years Alliance, one of the three strongest alliances in Sin City and a powerhouse at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who was ranked at the 51st place on the Supreme Saint Ranking.

However, compared to elite powerhouses like Bai Li, one of the top sectless cultivators in Sin City, and the Green Bat King who was one of the Four Great Karmapas from the Black Kshetra Sect, Dong Guo Yi was not worth mentioning at all! Therefore, nobody noticed his presence earlier.

Comparison was a terrible thing. Compared to Bai Li and Wei Suo, Dong Guo Yi became less important.

After a while, the people's attention shifted away from the leader of the Thousand Years Alliance to someone else.

"Eh? This... Isn't this He Fei Yi, the Sect Leader of the Forgotten Dust Sect?"

He Fei Yi was a middle-aged man who was dressed like a scholar. He had an ordinary appearance, but he had an ethereal quality to him. At first glance, he looked like a pleasant person.

Duan Ling Tian's attention was also focused on He Fei Yi. "He Fei Yi, the Sect Leader of the Forgotten Dust Sect?"

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had also heard about the He Fei Yi, the Sect Leader of the Forgotten Dust Sect. Apart from being the sect leader of a first-rate sect, he was also a powerhouse who was ranked at the 55th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking. Similar to Dong Guo Yi, the Leader of the Thousand Years Alliance, his cultivation base was also at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Although that was the case, he was still slightly weaker than Dong Guo Yi. This could be seen from his rank on the Supreme Saint Ranking that was lower than Dong Guo Yi.

The first-rate sect, the Forgotten Dust Sect, was also located near Sin City. Therefore, no one was really surprised to see He Fei Yi here. After all, he had more than enough time to travel here after he received news about the Spatial Tear. In fact, they were more surprised that he was assigned to their group since it meant they had two powerhouses at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in their group.

The entire place was silent when someone cried out in surprise when he saw Duan Ling Tian, "Black-robed man! You're the black-robed man!" It was a sectless cultivator from Sin City.

"Black-robed man?"

Instantly, a few other sectless cultivators also looked at Duan Ling Tian with a surprised expression on their faces.

"The black-robed man managed to pass the first series of tests as well?"

“I thought the black-robed man’s cultivation base is at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage at most... As it turns out, I’ve underestimated him. His cultivation base is at least at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!”

When the sectless cultivators spoke among themselves, a hint of surprise could be heard in their voices.

“Black-robed man!”

For a time, everyone was looking at Duan Ling Tian. They were intrigued by the black-robed man who had recently become famous in Sin City.

Bai Li and Wei Suo were also looking at Duan Ling Tian intently.

Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian felt a powerful aura from Wei Suo shrouding him. It was obvious that Wei Suo was trying to test him.

Duan Ling Tian scoffed inwardly. He mobilized the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword, immediately. He seemed to have transformed into an unsheathed blade and easily dispel Wei Suo’s aura. Duan Ling Tian stood unmoving, it was as though he would remain calm even if the sky were to collapse.

“Eh?” Wei Suo who discovered that Duan Ling Tian had dispelled his aura was shocked. He stared at Duan Ling Tian before he said indifferently, “I’ve long heard about the black-robed man in Sin City... You truly live up to your name!”

“Karmapa Wei, you flatter me.” Although Duan Ling Tian was annoyed that Wei Suo tried to test him, he did not show his annoyance. He suppressed his anger and answered Wei Suo graciously.

Wei Suo was not only one of the Black Kshetra Sect’s Four Great Karmapas, the Green Bat King, he was also a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! With Duan Ling Tian’s current strength, he could not act too arrogantly when faced with someone like that. No matter how angry he felt, he had to endure it for now.

“The second test is called ‘To Live and Die Together!’” One of the creators of this realm, Zheng Dong Ji, began to speak again.

To live and die together!

As soon as everyone heard Zheng Dong Ji’s words, everyone trembled slightly.

“The second test has numerous levels... In these levels, the group will remain the same. If one of you dies, everyone else will be killed by the Killing Formation we had set up! Once someone dies, all of you will be killed. The remaining two groups will proceed to the third test! The second test won’t end until someone dies!”

At this point, Zheng Dong Ji stopped speaking.

The entire place fell silent for a long time.

Everyone’s expressions, including Duan Ling Tian, turned solemn.

Even powerhouses as strong as Bai Li and Wei Suo had an extremely solemn expression on their faces. A hint of wariness could be seen in their eyes. They would not feel pressured if they only had to look out for themselves. However, based on Zheng Dong Ji's words, not only must they keep themselves safe, but they had to keep everyone safe as well! If one of them died, everyone would die as well!

There are three groups altogether. Whichever group whose team members died first would be eliminated. Only then would the remaining two groups be able to proceed to the next test.

"All of you stay close to me and Lord Bai Li!" Wei Suo instantly said to Duan Ling Tian and the others in a deep voice. When everyone heard Wei Suo's words, they began to move closer to Wei Suo and Bai Li.

The second test, 'To Live and Die Together' meant they were all in the same boat now!

Their lives were tied together. If one of them died, all of them would die as well.

"From now on, regardless of what we face, apart from me, Lord Bai Li, Leader Dong Guo, and Sect Leader He, I hope everyone won't act recklessly and please stay at our side!" Wei Suo commanded once everyone gathered around.

No one objected to Wei Suo's plan.

After all, the second test was all about staying alive. It was not about how quickly they could pass the tests.

What they had to do was to persist as long as possible until someone from either one of the two groups died!

It was for the best that the four strongest people in the group joined forces to deal with the upcoming tests.

"It's here!" Bai Li said, shocking Duan Ling Tian and the others.

All of them were already nervous. When they heard Bai Li's words, they became even more nervous and anxious. Dong! Dong! Dong! Dong! Dong!

Meanwhile, the muffled sound of drumming rang from a place nearby.

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As the drum beats sounded, figures began to appear out of thin air in the huge cave. The figures were all tall. Upon closer inspection, one would be able to tell they were soldiers clad in armor. Apart from that, they were holding a spear in their hands.

After these soldiers appeared, a big horse appeared under each of them.

Soon after, a cavalry of horsemen appeared in a perfect formation. Men armed with spears sitting on horses. It was apparent they were a force to be reckoned with.

Although they remained silent and still, their presence was palpable.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the horsemen in their formation, and he accurately counted their numbers. 'There are exactly one hundred horsemen! Moreover, their horses seem abnormal, and they're unusually big,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He looked at the hundred horses the men were riding.

A deafening cry sounded in the air. "Charge!"

In just a blink of an eye, the hundred horsemen charged toward Duan Ling Tian and the others while they kept to their formation. They began to surround Duan Ling Tian and the others when they were getting close to them.

The speed of the horses confirmed Duan Ling Tian's speculation that they were abnormal. Their speed was as fast as an ordinary powerhouse at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

In just a blink of an eye, the hundred horsemen appeared before Duan Ling Tian and the others. They moved as fast as bolts of lightning. Currently, they were about ten meters away.

Duan Ling Tian and the others felt their hearts sinking...

Bang!

After the sound of a loud explosion, Duan Ling Tian saw Bai Li had made a move.

Sou!

Bai Li flew up into the air like an arrow that had been shot out and hovered above everyone. He stood in the air with an imposing manner as though he was the God of War.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian saw Bai Li waving his hand casually.

Weng!

At this moment, the short-lived sound of a blade's cry rang in the air and a blade ray appeared. Its speed was so fast that Duan Ling Tian did not even manage to catch a glimpse of it.

How fast!' Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened in shock. He knew very well he could not see Bai Li's blade ray because its speed was too fast. Although he had already reached the Saint Celestial Stage, he had not broken through to the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and opened his Spiritual Eyes. Therefore, his vision was still fairly poor.

Even if Bai Li was not a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and was merely at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, Duan Ling Tian still would not be able to catch his movements.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

Meanwhile, the deafening sound of sword slashing sounded in Duan Ling Tian's ear, causing him to regain his senses immediately. He instinctively turned to look at the source of the noise. He saw the hundred horsemen that surrounded them had all been cut into two at their waists! In just a blink of an eye, the hundred horsemen disappeared.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by their disappearance since the men and beasts he killed in the previous tests had also vanished as soon they were killed. According to Elder Huo, the men and beasts were all formed from the energy of a Formation in the pseudo realm. They were powerful, but once they were killed, they would vanish without a trace.

The strength of a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is truly extraordinary!' Duan Ling Tian stared at Bai Li in shock. He was truly impressed. 'Just the aura from one of the horsemen is enough to make me feel threatened... This means that the horsemen's strength was equivalent to the strength of a powerhouse at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or higher.' Duan Ling Tian was very certain about this.

If the horsemen were merely equivalent to a powerhouse at the First Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, Duan Ling Tian would not have felt pressured. After all, his cultivation base was already at the peak of the First Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

After a few moments, the second wave appeared.

This time, the Black Kshetra Sect's Green Bat King, Wei Suo, did not wait for Bai Li to make a move. He took the initiative to annihilate the giant beasts that appeared. It only took him a span of a few breaths to kill all the beasts. The strength of a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was really strong!

Following that, the third wave came.

After passing the third wave, the fourth wave came...

Initially, Wei Suo was dealing with it alone. However, as time passed, Wei Suo began to feel a little pressure. At that moment, Bai Li stepped up and helped him. Once they joined forces, it became easier for them to deal with the opponents. Even so, after some time, it began to get more difficult even though they had joined forces.

At this moment, Wei Suo called out, "Leader Dong Guo, Sect Leader He!" It was a reminder for them to lend a hand.

When Dong Guo Yi and He Fei Yi joined the fray, the fight became more manageable.

They successfully passed through wave after wave without any difficulties.

A powerhouse at the Eighth and Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage along with two powerhouses at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage fighting side by side, the subsequent waves were easily dealt with!

Time continued to pass...

Slowly but surely, Bai Li, Wei Suo, Dong Guo Yi, and He Fei Yi who had joined forces began to feel the pressure. Once in awhile, one or two opponents would slip past them to attack Duan Ling Tian and the others. At that time, the others had to attack to protect themselves.

Naturally, it was inconvenient for Duan Ling Tian to help under such circumstances. He could not wield the Jasper Celestial Sword openly to raise his strength to the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

In the beginning, it was still fine for Duan Ling Tian to stand aside. However, as time passed, the pressure began to mount.

“No one from the other two groups died yet?” A sectless cultivator standing near Duan Ling Tian said gloomily. He wished that someone from one of the two groups would die soon!

As soon as that happened, their group would be able to pass the second test and advance to the next one.

Sou!

Suddenly, the loud noise of wind whistling appeared near Duan Ling Tian. Unfortunately, the others were too preoccupied to help him. The beast that was charging toward him was a fairly weak one. However, it was only weak compared to the other gigantic beasts. This beast’s strength was actually comparable to a powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

This beast is even stronger than Elder Wang Ding Shan from the Thousand Years Alliance whom I killed earlier!’ Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned grim when he saw the beast charging at him domineeringly.

Duan Ling Tian instantly raised his hand that was holding on to the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Universe Ruler. His sleeves began to sway as he made his move.

The moment the gigantic beast reached Duan Ling Tian, the space around them began to ripple and distort.

“Universe Teleportation!” Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate as he cast the Divine Ability from the Universe Ruler. However, it only slowed the beast down slightly.

After that, Duan Ling Tian quickly cast his assist-type Divine Ability to enhance his Sun Saint Origin. “Elementary Devouring Tactic!”

Even then, Duan Ling Tian’s Sun Saint Origin was only raised to the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

Due to the distortion in Duan Ling Tian’s surroundings caused by the Universe Teleportation and also because the others were preoccupied, no one noticed him casting the Elementary Devouring Tactic.

Shortly after, the gigantic beast broke free from the restraints of the Universe Teleportation and continued charging toward Duan Ling Tian. Its bloody mouth was wide open as though it intended to devour Duan Ling Tian.

Xiu!

At this moment, another Celestial Supreme Treasure appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s hands. It was the Jasper Celestial Sword. Duan Ling Tian wielded the Jasper Celestial Sword using the third stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword. The Jasper Celestial Sword shot out immediately on its own. It seemed as though it could pierce through everything! As strong as the beast was, it was still cut into two by the sword. Soon after, it vanished without a trace.

One strike to strike fear into everyone's hearts!

With my remaining Sun Saint Origin, I can only cast that move once more. However, if I use that move again, my Sun Saint Origin would be completely depleted. I will surely die if I encounter another opponent!' Duan Ling Tian felt despair at this moment.

Suddenly...

"No!!" An anguished cry sounded, sending chills up Duan Ling Tian's spine. He instinctively turned around to look at the source of the voice and discovered it was from He Fei Yi, the Sect Leader of the Forgotten Dust Sect.

Currently, He Fei Yi was looking at one direction as he cried out.

"No!"

Duan Ling Tian and everyone's hearts sank when they followed He Fei Yi's line of sight.

One of the sectless cultivators was being killed by one of the gigantic beasts!

"Someone died!"

Bai Li and Wei Suo's expressions changed drastically. Although they were both extremely powerful, they could not save him in time!

"Damn it!" The face of Dong Guo Yi, the Leader of the Thousand Years Alliance, turned deathly pale. A hint of desperation could be seen in his eyes.

The rule of the second test was that once a person in the group died, everyone would be killed!

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Currently, nobody from the other two groups had died, but someone from their group had died!

Someone died!

Not only did Bai Li, Wei Suo, Dong Guo Yi, and He Fei Yi's expressions change dramatically, but even Duan Ling Tian and the others who reacted slower were stunned as well!

Now that someone from their group died, did it not mean that all of them would be eliminated as well? In this case, elimination meant death!

Everyone in Duan Ling Tian's group was still stunned when a buzzing noise filled the cave they were in. The buzzing noise gradually became louder and faster.

Duan Ling Tian and the others began to feel uneasy when they heard the buzzing noise.

Suddenly...

"Enter the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda! Go now! Now!" A voice laced with anxiety roared in Duan Ling Tian's ears. Duan Ling Tian only had enough time to determine it was Elder Huo who had spoken, he did not dwell on the reason Elder Huo had asked him to enter the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. He quickly did as he was told. With just a thought, he entered the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda that

was the size of a speck of dust in his ear. At this moment, even if he exposed the existence of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, he could not care less. This was the first time Elder Huo had spoken to him so anxiously. For this reason, as soon as Elder Huo finished speaking, he entered the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda without questioning it.

Hu!

Duan Ling Tian's disappearance was, naturally, discovered by the strongest people in the group, Bai Li and Wei Suo. However, before they could ponder on it, the cave exploded with a thunderous sound.

Boom!

The force was incredibly strong. Although it just appeared for a brief moment, it crushed everyone, including the two powerhouses above and at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, Bai Li and Wei Suo, into dust.

Faced with that force, even someone as strong as Bai Li had no way to defend himself and was killed in just a blink of an eye. If someone as strong as him could not even defend himself, the others had no chance at all!

Although the brief but extremely powerful explosion had crushed everything in that cave into dust, there was a unique speck of dust that remained untouched.

On the other hand, once Duan Ling Tian entered the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, before he could find his footing, he felt a violent quake outside! For this reason, Duan Ling Tian was sent out of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

After being sent out of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, Duan Ling Tian felt dizzy and nauseous. It seemed like he was suffering from concussion and internal injuries. "I don't feel well!"

However, Duan Ling Tian's injuries were actually not that severe. He would be able to recover after resting for a moment.

When Duan Ling Tian regained his senses, he was stunned when he saw his empty surroundings. "This..." The cave he was in no longer existed, and the people from his group had also disappeared! "What... What happened?!" Duan Ling Tian was shocked that he could not react for a moment.

Before the brief but powerful explosion crushed everyone in the cave and turned them into dust, Duan Ling Tian had entered the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda as Elder Huo had instructed him. This was how he had escaped this terrible fate!

Duan Ling Tian's timing was impeccable. Almost as soon as he entered the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, putting himself under the protection of the pagoda, the cave had exploded violently.

The force of the explosion was so strong it could even kill a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had not passed the Heavenly Tribulation, let alone a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage like Bai Li! After all, it was a Killing Formation that was laid out by three Eminent Celestials who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation!

The Killing Formation was extremely unique. It had gathered all its force before it released the force in just an instant. The force was equivalent to the joint strength of the three Eminent Celestials! It would have been impossible for an Eminent Celestial to defend against the Killing Formation without dying or being severely injured, let alone a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had yet to pass the Heavenly Tribulation!

Based on this, one could see the terrifying strength of the Killing Formation that Zheng Dong Ji and the other two eminent Celestials had set up.

“Quick! Devour the Innate Spiritual Roots inside the soul remnants that haven’t dispersed!” Elder Huo’s voice rang in Duan Ling Tian’s ears while he was still in a daze.

Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian regained his senses and instantly extended his Divine Consciousness. He discovered there were many soul remnants around him. Moreover, the Innate Spiritual Roots in the soul remnants were beginning to vanish.

“Devour!” Without any hesitation or thinking too much about the souls around him, Duan Ling Tian began to devour the Innate Spiritual Roots. He knew if he did not devour the Innate Spiritual Roots soon, they would all disappear. At that time, he would not be able to devour them.

“Indigo Innate Spiritual Root? Another Indigo Innate Spiritual Root? Blue Innate Spiritual Root, blue Innate Spiritual Root...” Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he devoured the Innate Spiritual Roots from the soul remnants around him. He discovered there were two indigo Innate Spiritual Roots, five blue Innate Spiritual Roots, and many green Innate Spiritual Roots!

“My Innate Spiritual Root...” After devouring all the Innate Spiritual Roots around him, Duan Ling Tian discovered his Innate Spiritual Root had evolved to a dark indigo Innate Spiritual Root! His dark indigo Innate Spiritual Root was only one step away from turning into a violet Innate Spiritual Root!

If I can devour so many Innate Spiritual Roots like these again, my Innate Spiritual Root would be very close to turning into violet one...’ Duan Ling Tian’s eyes sparkled with anticipation as he licked his lips after he discovered the improvement in his Innate Spiritual Root!

However, after a moment, Duan Ling Tian regained his senses and remembered the people who were in the cave with him...

“E-elder Huo... T-the Innate Spiritual Roots I devoured... Did they belong to my group members?” Duan Ling Tian’s voice trembled slightly when he asked Elder Huo.

It made sense why the Innate Spiritual Roots were all high-grade ones if they had belonged to Bai Li, Wei Suo, and the others!

Bai Li was a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

Wei Suo was a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, if one wanted to break through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, one had to have an indigo Innate Spiritual Root!

Naturally, there were exceptions to this. In the long history of the Dao Martial Saint Land, there were cases of people with blue Innate Spiritual Roots breaking through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. However, these cases were few and far apart!

You're right! It's their Innate Spiritual Roots," Elder Huo replied calmly.

"I-it's r-really their Innate Spiritual Roots?!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened when he heard Elder Huo's answer. An expression of shock appeared on his face as his voice trembled when he said, "H-how's it possible... They... They..."

"They were killed by the Killing Formation after I asked you to enter the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda!" Elder Huo said, "It's fortunate you didn't hesitate. Otherwise, you would've died! The force of the explosion is almost at the peak in this mundane realm! Even a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who hasn't passed the Heavenly Tribulation wouldn't be able to defend against the force of that explosion! In fact, even an Eminent Celestial wouldn't have been able to defend against it without being severely injured or possibly dying! The Killing Formation had gathered so much force and released it in just an instant. After all, this Formation was jointly created by three Eminent Celestials. The force from the Formation is the strongest in this mundane realm!" Elder Huo explained to Duan Ling Tian the danger he was in earlier.

After pausing for a moment, Elder Huo said, "Although that force is almost peerless in this mundane realm, it can only destroy objects from this mundane realm like Spatial Rings and Saint Weapons... The Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda is a Celestial Supreme Treasure, that's why it's unaffected by the explosion!"

Duan Ling Tian was drenched in cold sweat after he heard Elder Huo's words.

I-it's fortunate that I instinctively listened to Elder Huo and entered the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Otherwise, I wouldn't be able to escape that terrifying force!

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was breathing heavily and his heart was pounding very fast. He was so close to dying... After Duan Ling Tian calmed down, he instantly thanked Elder Huo. "Elder Huo, thank you."

"With great risk often comes great rewards... This incident is a blessing in disguise," Elder Huo said.

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"A blessing in disguise?" Duan Ling Tian could not help but laugh bitterly when he heard Elder Huo's words.

Indeed. It could be considered as a blessing in disguise for Duan Ling Tian. Not only did he manage to escape death, but he also managed to devour many high-grade Innate Spiritual Roots that turned his Innate Spiritual Root into a dark indigo Innate Spiritual Root. Currently, it was only a step away from turning into a violet one. However, he still felt chills running up his spine when he thought about the deaths of powerhouses like Bai Li and Wei Suo.

Apart from being one of the top powerhouses in Sin City, Bai Li's cultivation base was at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He was ranked ninth on the Supreme Saint Ranking!

As for Wei Suo, the Green Bat King, he was not only one of the Four Great Karmapas from Black Kshetra Sect, but with his cultivation base at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, he was ranked 24th on the Supreme Saint Ranking.

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, Bai Li and Wei Suo were famous. However, these two powerhouses were killed in this pseudo realm in just a blink of an eye. From the beginning until the end, they did not even have time to react, let alone defend against that terrifying force!

If they knew what was going to happen, even if God gave them another chance, I don't think they would enter the pseudo realm even if they were forced to! Duan Ling Tian was certain of this. 'As for the Leader of the Thousand Years Alliance, Dong Guo Yi, and the Sect Leader of the Forgotten Dust Sect, He Fei Yi, and the others, I'm sure they would be the same as well!'

The group of people who had been alive well earlier had been killed in just a blink of an eye!

Currently, Duan Ling Tian's feeling was complicated. He no longer felt joyous about the improvement of his Innate Spiritual Root. He only felt grateful for the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, and that the explosion was a brief one! If the explosion lasted any longer, he would have died!

Even now, Duan Ling Tian's forehead was drenched in cold sweat, and his heart was still pounding very fast!

Time passed by silently.

After 15 minutes, Duan Ling Tian finally recovered from the shock. He looked around him and discovered there was nothing in his surroundings. He could not see anything clearly, and he did not know in which direction he should go.

It was clear at this point that he no longer had to participate in the tests. He stood in the vast emptiness like a sailboat in the middle of the sea, lost and alone. It seemed like he had been forgotten by three Eminent Celestials who had created this pseudo realm!

"Elder Huo, I should've died like Bai Li and Wei Suo, but I manage to survive due to the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. It seems like Zheng Dong Ji and the other two Eminent Celestials didn't take this into account," Duan Ling Tian said to Elder Huo, "How am I going to leave this pseudo realm now?"

Currently, Duan Ling Tian no longer sought the treasures in this pseudo realm. The only thing he wanted was to leave this place as soon as he possibly could! What happened earlier had left a lasting impression on him. He was so close to death! He still felt chills running up his spine when he thought about how close he was to dying. If it was possible, he did not want to experience such a thing ever again. For this reason, he desperately wanted to leave this place.

"Why do you want to leave this pseudo realm?" Elder Huo asked in response to Duan Ling Tian's question.

"Elder Huo." Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly. "Currently, I'm considered eliminated from the tests that Zheng Dong Ji and the other two Eminent Celestials had set up. Although I managed to survive, I'm sure I won't be able to participate in the subsequent tests. If I can't participate in the subsequent tests,

doesn't it mean I won't be able to obtain the treasures left in this pseudo realm? In that case, I should leave this place while I can instead of worrying about preserving my life here." Duan Ling Tian explained why he wanted to leave.

You might not be able to participate in the subsequent tests... However, don't you want to continue to improve your Innate Spiritual Root?" Elder Huo asked.

"What do you mean, Elder Huo?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned. He did not understand Elder Huo's words.

"My strength has been restored to the level of a Celestial... For this reason, my Divine Consciousness is able to see through this pseudo realm. For example, the other two groups are currently going through the third test," Elder Huo said promptly, "The rule of the third test is similar to the second test... If anyone in the group dies, everyone in the group would die as well!"

"So what?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he smiled bitterly. "I don't even know where they are right now... How can I devour their Innate Spiritual Roots after they die if I don't know where they are?"

"Are you so certain you won't be able to find their location?" Elder Huo asked.

Elder Huo's question wiped the bitter smile off Duan Ling Tian's face. Duan Ling Tian's expression turned serious immediately. "Elder Huo, what do you mean... Are you saying you can help me find and devour the Innate Spiritual Roots of those who are eliminated?"

"Of course." Elder Huo sounded confident. "I told you earlier that I can see through this pseudo realm with my Divine Consciousness... Earlier, I've searched this pseudo realm and located the locations of the others. Both groups are in a restrictive space similar to the cave you were in earlier. They're not very far apart from each other. If you stay in the middle of the two restrictive spaces, you can travel to either one of the spaces in less than ten breaths time if you travel at your full speed. One of the two restrictive spaces is destined to be destroyed, and the people there would definitely die. At that time, you can travel to that space. Some of those people's Innate Spiritual Roots might have already disappeared when you arrive, but there will be some left for you to devour and improve your Innate Spiritual Root!"

Duan Ling Tian nodded but there was no joy on his face. In fact, he felt sad about the loss of those lives.

"Elder Huo!" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian asked Elder Huo. "D-do you have any way to send them out or stop the tests?"

The Innate Spiritual Roots were a huge temptation, but Duan Ling Tian was more interested in saving the lives of the two groups of people if he could choose. It was not because he was soft-hearted. It was because he had thought about the rumors that the Devil Clans from the Land of Exile had invaded the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!

Although people had mostly stopped talking about it in the Upper Province, Duan Ling Tian was still worried. His gut instinct told him that something was wrong.

As the saying went, 'It's always wise to play it safe!'

What if the Devil Clan had really invaded the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land? At that time, not only lives in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land would be lost, but the Upper Province would be affected as well. It was inevitable. At that time, humankind had to stand united against the Devil Clans!

Currently, among the people who had entered the pseudo realm created by Zheng Dong Ji and the two Eminent Celestials, there must be many more cultivators above or at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage apart from Bai Li and Wei Suo who had died.

If the Devil Clans intended to invade the Upper Province, these cultivators at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage would undoubtedly be the main force for humankind in the war against the Devil Clans!

This was the reason Duan Ling Tian wanted these people to survive!

Although Duan Ling Tian did not know them and the Innate Spiritual Roots were a huge temptation to him, he still wished for them to live!

"I can't send them out nor can I stop the tests created by the three Eminent Celestials unless I can leave the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda!" Elder Huo quickly answered Duan Ling Tian's question.

Elder Huo's answer disappointed Duan Ling Tian. After a while, he seemed to have thought of something as his eyes began to shine.

"Elder Huo, can you tell me how I can save them?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"You? You're too weak... In order to save them, you have to be a Celestial at the very least." Elder Huo said, dashing Duan Ling Tian's hope, "Even if you know the location of their restrictive space, you won't be able to enter with your current strength, let alone save them!"

After a moment, Elder Huo added, "The only thing you can do now is watch from the sidelines and not waste these people's Innate Spiritual Roots. There's no way you can save them. You're powerless! There's no reason for you to feel bad about not being able to save them!"

After listening to Elder Huo, Duan Ling Tian realized he could only watch as these people died.

Subsequently, Elder Huo led Duan Ling Tian to the middle of where the two restrictive spaces were located. Then, Duan Ling Tian waited for Elder Huo's instruction.

Meanwhile, the other two groups were going through the third test. They were thrilled they survived the second test and were able to advance to the third test. However, when they realized the rule of the third test was similar to the second test, they began to feel nervous again!

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The two groups of people who survived the second test were constantly praying for people from the other group to die first. After all, if someone in their group died, all of them would die as well! If they could choose again, many of them would not have entered this place. It was unfortunate they no longer had that option.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was resting in the space between the two restrictive spaces where the two groups were undergoing the third test. Although he seemed like he was resting without any worries, his heart felt heavy.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was very tempted by the Innate Spiritual Roots he would be able to devour, but he had to set aside his own interest and think about the bigger picture. What if the Devil Clans invaded the Dao Martial Saint Land?

Duan Ling Tian wanted to improve his Innate Spiritual Root so he could get stronger at a faster speed. By doing so, he would be able to rescue Ke'er and their daughter from the Fire Worship Sect as quickly as he possibly could!

If Ke'er is in my shoes, she would make the same decision...'

Duan Ling Tian knew how kind Ke'er was. If he sacrificed so many lives for his own gain, to the point where he caused humans to be defenseless against the Devil Clans, Ke'er would definitely be upset even if he rescued her.

However, Duan Ling Tian was powerless to do anything. Even if he wanted to save those powerhouses, there was no way for him to enter the restrictive spaces with his current strength.

It's not that I don't want to save all of you, I'm really powerless to do anything.' At this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt helpless. He tried to calm himself by taking a deep breath. He knew there were somethings that were beyond his control.

Life would not always be smooth-sailing.

"Elder Huo, when the people in one of the restrictive spaces are being eliminated, will the force spread here? Should I hide in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda like I did before?" Duan Ling Tian asked Elder Huo.

If the force from the Killing Formation could spread to Duan Ling Tian's location, he had to prepare himself! He had seen what that destructive force could do! Not only was the huge cave destroyed, but even powerhouses as strong as Bai Li and Wei Suo were instantly killed. There was nothing left of them! For this reason, he felt wary.

"That's not necessary," Elder Huo said in response to Duan Ling Tian's question, "The force from the Killing Formation only affects the restrictive space. In order to maximize the strength of the explosion, it's brief and only affects a specific area. There's no need for you to hide in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. You just have to wait for the right time to go to one of the restrictive spaces."

Duan Ling Tian nodded, and he silently waited for Elder Huo's signal.

Time continued to pass...

Duan Ling Tian did not know how much time had passed when he heard Elder Huo saying, "Hurry! The restrictive space on your left! Go! Go quickly!"

As soon as Elder Huo urged Duan Ling Tian, the Sun Saint Origin that was simmering under Duan Ling Tian's skin instantly surged out. He quickly rushed in the direction Elder Huo had told him to go at his full speed with all the techniques he had mastered.

With the help from his assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, and his movement Divine Ability, the Golden Crow's Wings, Duan Ling Tian covered half of the distance in just a blink of an eye.

At this time...

Boom!

A loud explosion rang in the distance for a brief moment. If the explosion had lasted any longer, Duan Ling Tian would have stopped moving. As it is, he had slowed down a little due to the shock. After a while, he sped up again.

After a few moments, Duan Ling Tian arrived at an open space. He instantly used his Divine Consciousness to sense the soul remnants that contained Innate Spiritual Roots!

Indigo Innate Spiritual Root, indigo Innate Spiritual Root... There are three light indigo Innate Spiritual Roots! Four blue Innate Spiritual Roots...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he devoured the Innate Spiritual Roots, Three indigo Innate Spiritual Roots probably meant that there were three powerhouses at or above the Seventh Form of Saint Celestial Stage who died here!

After a while, Duan Ling Tian shifted his attention to his Innate Spiritual Root. Currently, it had turned darker and darker until there was a sheen of violet on it! At this point, he realized his Innate Spiritual Root was extremely close to turning into a violet Innate Spiritual Root! For a moment, he was overwhelmed by his emotions.

Meanwhile, in the other restrictive space...

"Congratulations on passing the third test..." Zheng Dong Ji's voice rang clearly in the air. Everyone was excited when they heard this.

"We passed the test!" Someone laughed.

"We survived! We survived!"

"Great risks often come with great rewards! Today, I finally understand the meaning of that saying."

Many of them were so excited that they were talking loudly as though this was the happiest day of their lives. Even the strongest among them, the three cultivators at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage heaved a sigh of relief. They looked at each other with a smile on their faces!

However, after a while, one of them sighed. "Madam Snake... is dead." This person was Meng Hao whom Madam Snake had met at the entrance of the pseudo realm. He knew she had died because she was not in his group!

Currently, Meng Hao's group was the only group left out of the three groups!

"Madam Snake came in as well?" An old man widened his eyes as his expression changed dramatically.

Similar to Meng Hao and Madam Snake, this old man was also a sectless cultivator at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage from Sin City. He was also one of the patrons of Sin City. In fact, this old man had a closer relationship with Madam Snake compared to Meng Hao.

“En.” Meng Hao nodded. “I met her outside and we entered this place at the same time.” His eyes were closed. A grieving expression appeared on his face as he mourned his old friend. At the same time, he kept muttering, “Madam Snake, you shouldn’t have come... You shouldn’t have come!”

“Now...” Suddenly, Zheng Dong Ji sounded again. It caught Meng Hao and the others’ attention, and they fell silent immediately.

“All of you must be very happy to have passed the third test! All of you probably think you’re one step closer to obtaining the treasures and our legacies, right?”

At this moment, Meng Hao and the other two powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage frowned. They found Zheng Dong Ji’s words a little odd. However, the others were oblivious and were clearly delighted.

Indeed. All of them were extremely happy!

“However, I have to tell you there are no treasures in this realm that we created, let alone our legacies!” Zheng Dong Ji’s voice said with a scoff.

The moment Zheng Dong Ji finished speaking, the expressions of Meng Hao and the other two powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage changed dramatically.

No treasure?

No legacy?

An ominous feeling rose in their hearts immediately.

“No treasure? No legacy?”

“This... What’s going on? Is this a joke?”

“Are you kidding me?”

The others regained their senses after a while. They still found Zheng Dong Ji’s words hard to believe. However, they had no choice but to accept the cold reality.

“He must be joking, right?”

“He should be...”

There were some people who still held onto a sliver of hope.

Three powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation would not create a pseudo realm just to toy with them, right? They found it hard to believe!

“I know many of you will find it hard to believe that my friends and I had spent so much time and effort just to create a pseudo realm to toy with all of you!” Zheng Dong Ji continued talking as though he could already guess the people’s reaction “Seeing as how all of you are the only ones who survived, I will tell you the truth! The truth is my friends and I aren’t humans. Naturally, we aren’t Saint Beasts. We’re from the Devils Clans who were forced to stay in the Dao Martial Saint Land by the humans after the end of the Human-Devil war. We’re lucky enough to survive the witch hunt from the human powerhouses.”

Zhen Dong Ji’s words shocked Meng Hao and the others to their cores.

Devil Clans?

This man who claimed to be Zheng Dong Ji was from one of the Devil Clans?!

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Meng Hao and the others did not expect the pseudo realm that they thought was a treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage would turn out to be a trap for human powerhouses in the Dao Martial Saint Land by three Devils! If they had known this, they would not have entered this realm even if they were 10,000 times braver!

“How’s this possible?”

“He... How could he be a Devil?”

“This realm is created by three Devils?”

“If this realm is really created by the Devils then it’s likely they’re just toying with us...”

“They’re not just toying with us... They intend to kill us!”

These people who were ‘lucky’ enough to pass the third test were no longer happy. They only felt fear at this moment.

If Zheng Dong Ji was a Devil, he definitely would not let them go!

“During the Human-Devil Era, my friends and I were only normal Devils,” Zheng Dong Ji continued to say with a hint of pain in his voice, “After the Devil Clans were defeated by human powerhouses in the Dao Martial Saint Land, humans continued to slaughter the Devils who failed to return to the Exiled Realm. I watched my people die as they were killed by humans. I will never forget how they were killed! I’m lucky enough to survive and found ten other companions. Nevertheless, in the years that followed, some of them were killed and some of them died of old age. In the end, only me and two other Devils managed to break through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. This granted us long lives. We managed to escape humans’ notice and broke through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and passed the Heavenly Tribulation before ascending.”

Zheng Dong Ji paused for a moment before he said, “Naturally, what we wanted most was to return to the Exiled Realm or what you humans call the Land of Exile. However, some human powerhouses had sealed the tear in the space barrier between the Saint Province Realm, the name that Devils call the Dao Martial Saint Land, and the Exiled Realm. We couldn’t return.”

The expressions of Meng Hao and the others kept changing. They heard the deep-seated hatred in Zheng Dong Ji's voice when he spoke. They knew very well he would not let them go.

"Run! We have to leave this place!"

Soon after, Meng Hao and the others made a decision.

Currently, they were all trapped in the restrictive space. There was no exit.

Sou! Sou! Sou! Sou! Sou!

Wind began to whistle in the air as Meng Hao and the others split up to find a way out of this place. Although they had tried to search for a way out earlier, they did not search very thoroughly. After all, they did not think they would be killed. However, based on Zheng Dong Ji's words, it was obvious they would not be able to live if they continued to stay here.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

After Meng Hao and the others' failed to find a way out, they all began to try to force their way out with their strength. However, as soon as their punches, kicks, and techniques landed, the space would absorb the force.

"Oh, no! This place is like the small restrictive we were in earlier. It can absorb our energies or our energies can pass through it, but our physical bodies are trapped here!"

At this time, all of them regained their senses and recalled the small space that could only fit two adults when they first entered the realm and encountered the first series of tests. At that place, their energies could pass through the space but their physical bodies could not.

Everyone's expressions changed immediately.

At the same time, Zheng Dong Ji continued to speak as Meng Hao and the others desperately searched for a way out.

"In order to avoid the hunt, my friends and I hid in the Mortal Continent in your Saint Province Realm... Although it took us longer to cultivate, it was safer there. Just like that, we kept cultivating as the Dao Martial Saint Land was divided into two until we reached the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and passed the Heavenly Tribulation! We were finally able to achieve our dream of leaving the Saint Province Realm by ascending. Before we ascended, we decided to leave a gift for the future generation of Devils when they invade the Saint Province Realm... This gift is the death of you people. I'm sure all of you are considered elites in the Saint Province Realm. After all, only those above the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage would be able to pass the first series of tests. In short, we're targeting human powerhouses at or above the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!"

Zheng Dong Ji's words caused the expressions of Meng Hao and the others to change again. They did not expect Zheng Dong Ji and his two companions had plotted for such a long time! Moreover, they had fallen victim to the Devils' plot.

At this moment, they felt like the world's unluckiest people. They all regretted being greedy and coming in here. If God gave them another chance, they would not enter this place even if they were beaten.

"This pseudo realm we created is controlled by two Formations. This Formation in the Upper Province is connected to another Formation in the Lower Province. Although these two Formations are in different realms, due to the joint effort between me and my friends, the Formations are able to sense each other and aren't affected by the space barrier."

Zheng Dong Ji continued to say, "This is somewhat similar to the Inter-province Transportation Formation that humans created to connect the Lower Province and Upper Province. The main difference is our Formations don't transport living things... It serves as detectors. To activate the Formation we've set up in the Upper Province, the Formation in the Lower Province has to come in contact with the pure Devil Qi from the Devil Clans."

"Before our ascension, there were no more Devils in the Saint Province Realm... That's why we aren't worried the Formation would be accidentally activated. In conclusion, the day the Formation in the Upper Province is activated is the day the Devils from the Exiled Realm invade the Saint Province Realm!"

Zheng Dong Ji showed no signs of stopping as he talked. "The first place the Devils will arrive at when they pass through the barrier is the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land... As long as someone from the Devil Clans enters the Lower Province, it'll activate the Formation in the Lower Province, and subsequently activate the Formation in the Upper Province. Once that happens, an entrance to a pseudo realm would appear. This is our gift to the Devil Clans when they invade the Saint Province Realm again! Your deaths will be a great loss to humankind and all Saint Beasts. It'll be easier for the Devils to conquer the Saint Province Realm with your deaths! Perhaps, we'll finally be able to achieve what we failed to achieve during the Human-Devil Era and annihilate all humans this time!"

After Zheng Dong Ji recounted everything that happened from the ancient times until now, he laughed menacingly. It made everyone's skin crawl. A hint of despair could be seen in everyone's eyes.

"Based on Zheng Dong Ji's words, the entrance to this realm would only appear when the Devil Clans invade the Saint Province Realm, right?" One of the sectless cultivators asked in a trembling voice. It was as though he needed further confirmation.

"That's right," someone answered shortly after in a trembling voice as well.

"T-this means the rumor is true! The Devil Clans have invaded the Dao Martial Saint Land. In fact, they might have already taken over the Lower Province?"

Many people's eyes widened and their expressions changed when they heard this.

"If we cause humans to be annihilated by the Devils because of our greed... We'll all be sinners!" Meng Hao said solemnly. His words caused the others to tremble.

Indeed. All of them would be sinners if humans were annihilated by the Devil Clans due to the loss of strong powerhouses.

"Three of us in particular..." Meng Hao said grimly as he looked at the other two powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

In the entire Dao Martial Saint Land, there were merely a dozen or so known powerhouses at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

Today, three of them would be lost in this place. Moreover, they had not counted the other powerhouses at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage like Madam Snake who had died!

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Apart from Madam Snake, there were certainly more powerhouses at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who entered the pseudo realm! Meng Hao and the other two powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were certain of this.

After all, the remaining people who passed the first series of tests were divided into three groups. In theory, the combined strength of each group should be about the same.

After Zheng Dong Ji's laughter died down, he said, "Given that all of you have passed the third test... I'll give you an additional 15 minutes before the Killing Formation in this place is activated! After that, similar to the other two groups, all of you will be reduced to dust! Enjoy your final 15 minutes, greedy humans!"

After that, Zheng Dong Ji stopped talking completely.

Meng Hao and the others who recovered from the shock, naturally, felt anxious.

15 minutes!

They only had 15 minutes left!

"How? What should we do now?!"

"15 minutes... We have 15 minutes before we die! I don't want to die! I don't want to die!!"

"Why are you yelling?! You're not the only one who doesn't want to die!"

After learning they would all die in 15 minutes, many people's expressions changed as their bodies trembled in fear. They could not calm down.

Death was, indeed, fearsome! It would have been better if they were instantly killed instead of being given time. Currently, they had 15 minutes to stew in fear as they waited for death to come for them.

Even the three powerhouses at the Seventh Form Saint Celestial Stage, including Meng Hao, had a grim expression on their faces.

Even the youngest among them, Meng Hao, had spent a few hundred years to achieve what he had today. For this reason, they valued their lives more than anything else! After all, it was not easy to get to where they were in life!

They were already granted an eternity to live, but they had entered this place out of greed. Now, they would all die here.

After a moment of silence, Meng Hao said, "No! I won't resign myself to this!" He growled as he flew about to find a way out.

The other two powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage saw Meng Hao and followed suit. Upon seeing this, the others put aside their fear and began to search for a way out as well!

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian learned about what happened from Elder Huo while Meng Hao and the others were searching for a way out of the restrictive space.

Although Elder Huo was still confined to the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, he had regained some of his strength and was comparable to an ordinary Celestial. For this reason, his Divine Consciousness had become stronger as well, and it was not difficult for him to move his Divine Consciousness around the pseudo realm and learn about what happened. Every one of Zheng Dong Ji's words was heard by Elder Huo before he disclosed what had happened to Duan Ling Tian.

"The Devil Clans? This pseudo realm is created by three Devils?!" Duan Ling Tian was extremely shocked when he heard about this. Not even in his wildest dreams did he expect this.

The treasure vault everyone suspected was left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was nothing but a trap created by three Devils?

"Saint Province Realm? That's what the Devils call the Dao Martial Saint Land? The reason the entrance to this pseudo realm appeared is due to the Formations being activated? The Formation in the Upper Province is only activated because the Formation in the Lower Province has detected the pure Devil Qi from the Devils? The invasion of the Devil Clans? The dawning of a new Human-Devil Era? The first place the Devil Clans would invade is the Lower Province?"

Various expressions flitted across Duan Ling Tian's face when he heard Elder Huo's words. Although he had previously suspected the Devil Clans from the Land of Exile had invaded the Lower Province, it was still just his speculation. Now that Zheng Dong Ji had confirmed it, Duan Ling Tian's heart turned heavy.

"It seems like the Devil Clans have really invaded the Lower Province. I wonder how father, mother, and the others are faring?" Duan Ling Tian could not help but worry about his family and friends who were in the Lower Province. His heart was filled with anxiety.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian wished he had wings to fly so he could return to his family and friends in the Lower Province.

"The Killing Formation in that restrictive space will be activated after 15 minutes... All those inside would die!" Elder Huo said, "Are you ready to devour their Innate Spiritual Roots?"

However, Duan Ling Tian remained motionless as though he did not hear Elder Huo's words. All he could think about was his family's well-being. Previously, he could put his worries aside since he was not certain the Devil Clans had invaded the Lower Province. However, with Zheng Dong Ji's confirmation, he was overwhelmed by the worries he had hidden in the depth of his heart!

"I know you're worried about your family and friends... Moreover, you probably can't bear the thought of devouring those people's Innate Spiritual Roots," Elder Huo said with a sense of urgency, "However, think about this. Their Innate Spiritual Roots would only go to waste if you don't devour them! If you

devour them, your Innate Spiritual Root might even turn violet! Once you possess a violet Innate Spiritual Root, not only will you be able to save your wife and daughter, but you'll be able to contribute in the war against the Devils as well. After that, you can focus on finding a way to return to the Lower Province and be reunited with your family and friends!"

Elder Huo advised Duan Ling Tian patiently. It seemed as though he was afraid Duan Ling Tian would miss the chance to devour so many high-grade Innate Spiritual Roots.

Almost as soon as Elder Huo finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian recovered from his shock. A hint of determination could be seen in his eyes. His aura had changed as well. It was as though he had transformed into a different person. Following that, he flew toward the restrictive space under Elder Huo's guidance.

After almost 15 minutes...

Boom!

An earth-shattering explosion rang in the air. It came from the restrictive space where Meng Hao and the others were at. They had all been turned to dust.

Sou!

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was traveling there at his fastest speed. As soon as he arrived, he extended his Divine Consciousness and sensed the soul remnants that contained Innate Spiritual Roots with a heavy heart.

"I hope all of you rest in peace. I will help all of you and contribute in the war against the Devils!" Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as he devoured the Innate Spiritual Roots.

Based on Elder Huo's words, Meng Hao and the others had died with resentment in their hearts. They all thought they were sinners! For this reason, he kept muttering these words to himself, in hopes that Meng Hao and the others could hear him and rest in peace.

Violet Innate Spiritual Root!"

Duan Ling Tian only regained his senses when Elder Huo's voice rang in his ears. He shifted his attention to his Innate Spiritual Root and discovered it had turned violet.

Although it was only a light violet Innate Spiritual Root, Duan Ling Tian was still surprised. It made him momentarily forget about what had happened as a smile appeared on his face.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian tried to sense the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings. He discovered his speed of absorbing the energy had improved significantly. "How fast! With my current cultivation speed and the help of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, can anyone in the whole of Dao Martial Saint Land even compete with me?" Duan Ling Tian's confidence rose at this moment. It was not without a reason after all.

Those devils, Zheng Dong Ji and his friends, went to great lengths to set up such a trap. I'm certain they didn't think that someone like me would be able to benefit from it!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, feeling pleased.

After a while, he turned solemn. 'However, it's still a pity... I've devoured eight indigo Innate Spiritual Roots. Eight powerhouses at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage have been killed by those three Devils!'

Eight cultivators at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

Duan Ling Tian felt chills running up his spine when he thought about this.

One should know there were only about a dozen or so known powerhouses at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in Dao Martial Saint Land. Eight of them had died in this pseudo realm!

This was undoubtedly a huge blow to humans in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

This was also why Zheng Dong Ji thought this would be a great gift to the future generation of Devils! It was, indeed, a very thoughtful gift!

Chapter 2148 – Twin Mundane Realms

Twin Mundane Realms

The Land of Exile's Devil Clans have invaded the Lower Province... I hope that father, mother, and everyone else is safe.' Duan Ling Tian could not help thinking about his loved ones in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land when he thought about the Devil Clans. He was extremely worried because he did not know if his loved ones were safe!

The Devil Clans from the Land of Exile were a race known for their zeal for blood and violence after all! Rumor had it that Devil Clans would not leave human survivors when they visited a place. Even if there were survivors, they would be assimilated by the Devil Clans and be turned into Devil Cultivators who were as inhumane as the Devils!

After taking a deep breath to calm himself down, Duan Ling Tian asked, "Elder Huo, how should I leave this place?" Currently, he was still in the pseudo realm created by the three Devils.

Duan Ling Tian had looked around for a while. He had used his Divine Consciousness to search his surroundings, but there was nothing he could detect. He felt as though he had been cast into oblivion. He felt lonely like a sailboat drifting in a vast ocean. This made him feel extremely uneasy.

"You can't leave..." Elder Huo answered.

Duan Ling Tian's expression changed drastically when he heard Elder Huo's words. He took a deep breath before he asked in a deep voice, "Can't leave this place? Elder Huo... You... What... What do you mean?!"

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was desperate to leave this place. Even if he could not return to the Lower Province to be reunited with his family and friends now, he could inform everyone and spread the word that the Devil Clans had invaded the Dao Martial Saint Land again. He could swear an oath to prove that he was telling the truth so he was not worried that no one would believe him. It seemed like

he had already thought of what he should do next. However, Elder Huo just told him that he could not leave this place!

“What I mean is that you can’t leave this place for now...” Elder Huo said as he emphasized on the words ‘for now’. After a moment, he continued to say, “Regardless, this pseudo realm is created by three Devils at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation... To leave this place, you must be able to penetrate the space barrier separating this pseudo realm and the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Apart from that, there’s no way you can leave this place!”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes widened and his expression changed when he heard Elder Huo’s words. His breathing quickened as he asked for confirmation again, “Elder Huo... You mean I have to be able to penetrate the space barrier between this pseudo realm and the Upper Province to be able to leave this place?”

“Yes.” Elder Huo confirmed it again.

Duan Ling Tian instantly paled. Then, he said bitterly, “The space barrier is strong... Even with the might of all the Devil Clans, they took so long just to find a weak spot in the space barrier to create an opening to the Dao Martial Saint Land. If there was no weak spot, it would’ve been impossible for the Devil Clans to create an opening and invade the Dao Martial Saint Land!”

Duan Ling Tian knew about the space barrier between the Dao Martial Saint Land and the Land of Exile. Back then, before the Human-Devil Era began, the Devil Clans had discovered a weak spot in the space barrier separating the Dao Martial Saint Land and the Land of Exile. That was how they had created an opening and invaded the Dao Martial Saint Land! Peace was only restored in the Dao Martial Saint Land when humans finally managed to defeat the Devil Clans and placed a Sealant Grand Formation at the tear in the space barrier. Unless the Devil Clans managed to destroy the Sealant Grand Formation or have found another weak spot in the space barrier, it would be impossible for them to invade the Dao Martial Saint Land again.

“Elder Huo, even if my cultivation base is at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, manage to pass the Heavenly Tribulation and possess the strength of a Celestial, I’m afraid I still wouldn’t be able to create an opening in the space barrier, right?”

Duan Ling Tian’s impression of the space barrier was that it was indestructible unless one could find a weak spot to exploit and create an opening!

“The space barrier you’re talking about is the one between the Dao Martial Saint Land and the Land of Exile. It’s a space barrier separating two mundane realms. Naturally, it’s different. Even an ordinary Celestial in the Devata Realm wouldn’t be able to create an opening in a space barrier like that unless they manage to find a weak spot, let alone someone from the mundane realm!” Elder Huo promptly answered Duan Ling Tian’s question.

“A space barrier between two mundane realms?” Duan Ling Tian was stunned before he suddenly said, “Elder Huo... Do you mean that the Dao Martial Saint Land and the Land of Exile are two separate mundane realms?”

Yes," Elder Huo replied, "Generally, there are two types of mundane realms. One of them is similar to the world in your past life. They consist of planets and galaxies and are extremely vast. They're inhabited by all kinds of living things. This kind of mundane realm is considered as a relatively large mundane realm by the Celestials in the Devata Realm. The mundane realm we're in is considered a small mundane realm. As you know, this mundane realm has the Dao Martial Saint Land, the Mortal Continents, and the sea. It has relatively fewer living species."

At this point, Elder Huo stopped speaking.

"Elder Huo, based on what you said, the mundane realm we're in at the moment is small and doesn't have other planets. However, why can we see the sun during the day and the moon and stars at night?" Duan Ling Tian asked. This was something he had thought about before.

Previously, when Elder Huo regained some of his strength, he had told Duan Ling Tian that there were no planets in this mundane realm. However, Duan Ling Tian did not put much thought into it at that time. He thought there had to be planets since he could see the sun, moon, and stars. In fact, he had thought to prove Elder Huo wrong after he became strong enough to explore space. Now that he heard Elder Huo saying again that this small mundane realm did not have any other planets, he could not hold back his curiosity and asked the question he had in his mind.

"This is an important aspect of a small mundane realm... Every small mundane realm has to be attached to a large mundane realm because most living things in small mundane realms require the sun to survive, and the sun can only be found in a large mundane realm. Hence, the space barrier between a small mundane realm and a large mundane realm is transparent," Elder Huo explained, "Whether you're at the Lower Province or the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, if you try to fly up to the sky and approach the sun or the moon and stars at night, you'll find that there's an invisible barrier that blocks you once you've reached a certain height. That's the space barrier between a small mundane realm and a large mundane realm. It's even harder to penetrate a barrier like that compared to a space barrier between two twin mundane realms. It's unlikely to have a weak spot."

Duan Ling Tian was stunned and left with more questions after he listened to Elder Huo's explanation. He had a confused expression on his face as he asked, "Twin mundane realms? What's that?"

"Usually, two small mundane realms will rarely intersect. In fact, it's almost impossible for them to be next to each other... However, there are exceptions. Some of the small mundane realms are extremely unique. There would be two small mundane realms that exist side by side like twins. In the Devata Realm, they call this kind of mundane realms as twin mundane realms," Elder Huo said, "Whenever you speak of a twin mundane realms, the Celestials know that it's two small mundane realms that exist side by side because it's impossible for two large mundane realms to exist side by side."

It did not take long for Duan Ling Tian to piece the puzzles together. "If that's the case, this means the Dao Martial Saint Land, or the Saint Province Realm, and the Land of Exile are twin mundane realms, right?"

"That's right," Elder Huo answered, "Whether it's the Saint Province Realm or the Land of Exile, both are attached to the same large mundane realm. Since you're able to see the sun, the moon, and the stars

here, it means that the Land of Exile must be dark all year round because it doesn't receive direct sunlight. The reason for this is the Saint Province Realm is blocking the light from the Land of Exile. Mundane realms that are dark all year round are usually inhabited by strange creatures... That's probably how the Devils came to exist. It's the natural order of things..."

Elder Huo clearly explained the different mundane realms and the origin of the Devils. This had broadened Duan Ling Tian's knowledge.

"I see." Duan Ling Tian nodded and then asked, "Elder Huo, you said if I fly up, I'll definitely encounter the space barrier between the Saint Province Realm and a large mundane realm, right?"

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"Didn't you mention that the Upper Province is a pseudo realm that was created from the Lower Province of Dao Martial Saint Land?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Yes," Elder Huo replied almost instantly as though he had already anticipated this question from Duan Ling Tian, "The Upper Province is a pseudo realm created from the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint. Since it's part of the Saint Province Realm, it has the same space barrier! That's why we can see the sun and other planets from the large mundane realm... As for why the Saint Province Realm has day and night, it's due to the movements of the planets from the large mundane realm as they revolve around the sun. When the planets block the sun, the Saint Province Realm would be dark, entering the night phase. Meanwhile, the planets that block the sunlight will reflect some of the light, creating what we call the moon."

Elder Huo's answer was very detailed. He even answered some of the questions Duan Ling Tian had yet to ask as though he could read Duan Ling Tian's mind.

"The Land of Exile, the twin of this mundane realm, certainly doesn't have the transition from night to day!" Elder Huo added.

"I see," Duan Ling Tian said once he understood what Elder Huo was trying to convey.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian thought this universe was similar to the universe from his past life. He thought this place was like earth that rotated. However, after listening to Elder Huo's explanation, his knowledge had been broadened. It made him realize there were so many extraordinary phenomena in this universe.

Elder Huo interrupted Duan Ling Tian's train of thought as he said, "We've derailed from our original discussion... Now, let's return to your original question."

"You said earlier that you won't be able to penetrate this space barrier even if your cultivation base is at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and has successfully passed the Heavenly Tribulation and possess the strength of a Celestial."

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. They were finally back to the original topic.

"It seems that you've already forgotten what I told you... Do you still remember what I told you after you found out that the Inter-province Transportation Formation in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land is unable to transport people back to the Lower Province? I mentioned a method to

return to the Lower Province without using the Inter-province Transportation Formation. Do you still remember it?" Elder Huo asked.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned by Elder Huo's question. However, he quickly recovered and tried to recall what Elder Huo had said back then.

"I remember... Elder Huo, you told me that as long as I break through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and successfully pass the Heavenly Tribulation, I'll be able to tear open a space barrier and travel freely between realms!" Duan Ling Tian recalled what Elder Huo had told him previously.

Suddenly, with a surprised expression on his face, Duan Ling Tian cried out, "Elder Huo! Based on your words, you mean I'll be able to create an opening in the space barrier between the Upper Province and the Lower Province as long as I possess the strength of an Eminent Celestial? Moreover, I'll be able to do it without any external help?" Duan Ling Tian's breathing quickened as he spoke. This seemed very far-fetched, and he found it hard to believe.

"Yes," Elder Huo nodded and said, "However, you've missed the point. What I want to say is that the space barrier between the Saint Province realm and the Land of Exile is completely different from the space barrier between the Upper province and the Lower province."

"You'll only need the strength of an Imminent Celestial to be able to create an opening in the space barrier between the Upper Province and the Lower Province by yourself. However, don't expect to be able to create an opening in the space barrier between the Saint Province Realm and the Land of Exile with just the strength of an Eminent Celestial. Even some weaker Celestials in the Devata Realms may not be able to create an opening in such a space barrier," Elder Huo continued to say.

"In other words... The power needed to create an opening in the space barrier between the Upper Realm and the pseudo realm that was created by the three Eminent Devils is even lower?" Duan Ling Tian finally understood what Elder Huo had been trying to say.

"Yes!" Elder Huo continued to say, "A cultivator at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage should be able to create an opening in this space barrier. Naturally, to do that, we have to locate the space barrier. Otherwise, all this is just talk. I've searched for the space barrier between this pseudo realm and the Upper Province, it's well hidden under many layers of Formations. Unless we have an expert in Formation Dao, even a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage wouldn't be able to get past these Formations. Some of the Killing Formations in these layers of Formations are as strong as the Killing Formations that killed those three groups of people."

This sent shivers up Duan Ling Tian's spine. Who could have guessed it would be so difficult to locate the space barrier in this pseudo realm?

However, on second thought, if the space barrier is so easily detectable and unprotected, then the powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who entered this place could have easily created an opening and leave this place,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he nodded.

"Elder Huo... Do you have a solution to get past these Formations?" At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was more worried about the Formations than the state of his cultivation base.

Based on what Elder Huo had said, the Killing Formations within these Formations could even kill a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had yet to pass the Heavenly Tribulation. Furthermore, the Imminent Celestials who passed the Heavenly Tribulation would even be severely injured if they accidentally triggered the Killing Formations!

As long as one's strength is at above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, one would be able to create an opening in the space barrier. Although it was a difficult task, it was not impossible. However, to possess significant strength to survive the Killing Formations was significantly harder. To be realistic, it was almost impossible.

Yes!" Elder Huo replied after hearing the solemnity in Duan Ling Tian's voice.

"I have my methods to work around these Formations... Although I have a solution, you still have to create an opening in the space barrier on your own. Even with all the techniques you've mastered, I'm afraid you still have to raise your cultivation base to the Fifth or Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage before you can create an opening in the space barrier to return to the Upper Province," Elder Huo said.

Duan Ling Tian understood Elder Huo's words completely. Previously, Elder Huo had said the strength required to create an opening in this space barrier would have to be at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, but he was referring to those ordinary cultivators at that stage.

However, Duan Ling Tian would possess the strength of a cultivator at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage once he had broken through to the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage since he possessed many extraordinary techniques and the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Jasper Celestial Sword.

"However, even with my extraordinary Martial Dao innate talent thanks to my violet Innate Spiritual Root and the help from the time flow in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, breaking through to Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is still tough. It doesn't matter if I have to face obstacles after obstacles, I should be able to break through to the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in a short time compared to others."

Duan Ling Tian no longer felt hesitant once he gave himself a pep talk. He quickly entered the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and devoted everything he had into cultivating.

Although Duan Ling Tian was desperate to leave this pseudo realm and return to the Upper Province, due to the space barrier, he could only wait until he had the capability to create an opening to return to the Upper Province. To do that, he needed to raise his cultivation base.

It did not take long for Duan Ling Tian to calm himself and rid himself of his anxieties. After that, he began to cultivation diligently in peace with the goal of breaking through to the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

However, as soon as Duan Ling Tian calmed down and began to absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy, he opened his eyes in shock. It was as though he had encountered something that was out of his expectation!

“I-it’s so amazing? Is this the effect of the violet Innate Spiritual Root?!” Duan Ling Tian discovered that his cultivation speed was worlds apart from what it was before. There was no way to ignore the huge difference!

One should remember that Duan Ling Tian’s former Innate Spiritual Root was indigo. Although it was not a dark indigo Innate Spiritual Root, it was still an indigo Innate Spiritual Root.

“With such innate talent, in addition to a good cultivation environment in the pseudo realm and the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagode, it shouldn’t be difficult for me to break through to the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!” Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian was bursting with confidence. He felt that breaking through to the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage might be easier than he had thought.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian immediately settled down and began to cultivate diligently using the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique!

As he activated his cultivation method, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy fused with his Sun Saint Origin and circulated around his body with the help of the nine dragons...

Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was rising non-stop at an incredibly fast pace!

Meanwhile, there was quite a large group of people outside the entrance of the pseudo realm. Naturally, there were also people who had left.

The people who remained were mostly people from the three largest alliances in Sin City and sectless cultivators from other alliances that were quite strong as well. Naturally, they could not leave since their respective leaders, deputy leaders, and elders had not come out.

Apart from them, some members from the Black Kshetra Sect had stayed back as well. They were waiting for Wei Suo the Green Bat King, one of the Four Great Karmapas and a few elders to come out.

Every faction, including the Forgotten Dust Sect, was waiting in silence.

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However, these people would never expect that the people they were waiting for had already died in the treasure vault that was suspected to have been left behind by an Eminent Celestial. Nobody, apart from Duan Ling Tian, had survived!

Wei Suo, the Green Bat King, from the Black Kshetra Sect who was one of the Four Great Karmapas with a cultivation base at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and ranked 24th on the Supreme Saint Ranking had died!

Apart from that, the six sectless cultivators from Sin City whose strength was comparable or even superior to Wei Suo had also died.

That was not the end of it. The Sect Leader of the Forgotten Dust Sect who had just broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage not too long ago had also died after he entered the pseudo realm. What a waste! He did not even have time to display his newly obtained strength!

Indeed. It was a pity and a waste that those people had died there.

The people waiting outside did not have to wait too long when one of the elders from the Thousand Years Alliance rushed there from Sin City with news.

“The Soul Pearls of our leader and deputy leaders have shattered!”

In just a blink of an eye, the expressions of Young Leader Dong Guo Zhi and the people he led from the Thousand Years Alliance changed immediately.

Many people were reluctant to believe it.

However, everyone turned deadly pale when they heard the elder from the Thousand Years Alliance who traveled from Sin City listed the names of the other elders whose Soul Pearls had also shattered. This was because the names of the people he listed were all people who had entered the treasure vault that was suspected to have been left behind by an Eminent Celestial! All of these people were cultivators above the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and were the backbone of the Thousand Years Alliance! All of them were dead! Not only that, but even the leader and deputy leaders of the Thousand Years Alliance were dead.

“Impossible... It’s impossible! Impossible!” Dong Guo Zhi growled in a low voice as he kept shaking his head in denial.

His face was deathly pale. “No, there must be a mistake! My father’s the leader of the Thousand Years Alliance. He’s a powerhouse at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who’s ranked 51st on the Supreme Saint Ranking... How could he possibly die just like that?!” Dong Guo Zhi refused to believe it.

“Stay strong, young leader.” Although the other Thousand Years Alliance’s elders were reluctant to believe it as well, judging from the current situation, it was useless for them to be in denial.

The facts were laid out before them, there was no way they could not believe it!

Young Leader Ou Qing from the Seven Kill Alliance discovered what had happened to the members of the Thousand Years Alliance. When he found out that the people from Thousand Years Alliance had died in the treasure vault that was suspected to be left behind by an Eminent Celestial, he could not help but take pleasure in their misery. He laughed out loud.

Ou Qing seized this chance to taunt them. “So the people from the Thousand Years Alliance are all useless!”

It was only natural that Ou Qing’s words angered those from the Thousand Years Alliance.

As the people from the Thousand Years Alliance glared at Ou Qing, two figures arrived hastily from Sin City. This time, it was two elders from the Seven Kill Alliance.

“Lord Leader’s Soul Pearl has shattered!” The news those Seven Kill Alliance’s elders brought wiped the mocking smile off Ou Qing’s face. Soon after, he became as mad as Dong Guo Zhi. He could not accept this. He was far more dependent on his father than Dong Guo Zhi was! It was not a stretch to say that he was nothing without his father!

“Moreover, the deputy leaders and some of the elders...” As the two elders from Seven Kill Alliance listed names, the faces of Ou Qing and the elders blanched. Ou Qing had an anguished expression on his face.

“Is the treasure vault really that terrifying? Even the leader of our Seven Kill Alliance died in there!” A lot of the Seven Kill Alliance questioned in shock. However, nobody had answers for them.

At this moment, people from the Thousand Years Alliance felt calmer when they learned that the people who had entered the pseudo realm had also died after entering it.

Naturally, although they felt calm, they still could not help but feel fear washing over them.

Was the treasure vault that was suspected to have been left behind by an Eminent Celestial really that dangerous?

Not only the leader of their Thousand Years Alliance had died, but even the leader of the Seven Kill Alliance had also died!

“The leaders of Seven Kill Alliance and the Thousand Years Alliance... They all died in there?”

“Then the treasure vault that’s suspected to be left behind by an Imminent Celestial is really terrifying!”

Other people from the other alliances, people from the Black Kshetra Sect, and the people from the Forgotten Dust Sect were in shock and disbelief as well.

Put aside the others, the leaders of the Seven Kill Alliance and the Thousand Years Alliance were not ordinary people! The leader of the Seven Kill Alliance, Ou Cang Hai, was ranked in the top 50 on the Supreme Saint Ranking. As for the leader of the Thousand Years Alliance, he was ranked 51st on the Supreme Saint Ranking!

However, these two powerhouses had died in the treasure vault that was suspected to have been left behind by an Eminent Celestial!

Everyone was still in shock when a short-lived and piercing sound of wind whistling rang in the air.

Sou!

Before everyone could regain their senses, a gust of wind began to blow around them. It seemed to have appeared out of nowhere.

Everyone’s robes were fluttering in the air and they had to squint their eyes to see.

When they could finally see clearly, they saw a curvaceous figure dressed in purple had appeared before their eyes. Although the woman wore a purple dress, it was not a form-fitting dress. However, it still revealed her beautiful figure.

Her beautiful long hair cascaded down her shoulders and back. Although she had a purple veil covering half her face, her beauty could be seen through her delicate brows and bright eyes. She exuded a cold aura that made her seem imposing and unapproachable.

Although she has a devil-like figure with an angelic face, no one would dare to have inappropriate thoughts about her! “Lord Karmapa!”

Most people were still stunned at the purple-clad woman's swift speed when people from the Black Kshetra Sect lowered their heads and bowed at her respectfully.

"Karmapa?"

Upon hearing how the people from Black Kshetra Sect addressed her, everyone's eyes widened in shock.

"She... Could she be the leader of the Black Kshetra Sect's Four Great Karmapas, the Violet Dragon King?"

"Violet...Violet Dragon King? The one who's ranked tenth on the Supreme Saint Ranking? The powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?"

"It should be!"

"I've long heard that the Violet Dragon King is the only female amongst the Black Kshetra Sect's Four Great Karmapas... Based on the Black Kshetra Sect's people's words, there's no doubt she's the Violet Dragon King."

"I heard that the leader of Black Kshetra Sect's Four Great Karmapas, the Violet Dragon King, is a descendant of the dragon clan and the human race. She has amazing innate talent, and she's also the youngest among the Four Great Karmapas."

"The youngest but also the strongest. That's why she's widely acknowledged as the leader of Black Kshetra Sect's Four Great Karmapas!"

When the others discovered the identity of the purple-clad woman, all of them looked at her respectfully. They did not dare to look down on her just because she was a woman.

The Violet Dragon King spoke just as the atmosphere became tense due to her appearance.

"How did Wei Suo die?"

The moment the Violet Dragon King spoke, the expression of the people from Black Kshetra Sect changed dramatically. Their eyes widened in horror as they spoke in a trembling voice, "Karmapa... Karmapa Wei... H-he d-died?!"

Everyone paled again.

"Wei Suo? The Green Bat King of Black Kshetra Sect's Four Great Karmapas?"

"He... He's dead?"

"He also entered the treasure vault that's suspected to have been left behind by an Eminent Celestial, right? Goodness! Even he died?"

"Although Karmapa Wei was the weakest among the Four Great Karmapas, he was still at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and was ranked 24th on the Supreme Saint Ranking... How did someone like that die?"

"If Karmapa Wei also died in there... Is it possible for the others to survive?"

Upon learning that, the people from the other alliances changed their expressions dramatically as they realized their leaders and deputy leaders were most likely dead as well!

The other factions also realized that their sect leaders and clan leaders were likely dead.

In just a blink of an eye, another short-lived and piercing sound rang in the air as the wind blew violently.

Sou!

Apart from the leader of the Black Kshetra Sect's Four Great Karmapas, the Violet Dragon King, who remained unaffected, everyone else had to squint their eyes as the wind raged.

This scene was familiar to when the Violet Dragon King had arrived.

When the others could see clearly, they saw a tall and handsome young man clad in green before their eyes. He exuded a piercing aura as though he was not human but a blade.

The young man's long hair was tied in a ponytail with a hair tie. His hair hung behind him, and he carried a sheathed saber on his back. The sheath looked plain. However, the engravings on the sheath emitted an ancient aura as though it had existed for a very long time.

After seeing the newcomer, many sectless cultivators seemed to recall something as they spoke in trembling voices. Many of them had an expression of reverence on their faces.

"He's... Pei... Lord Pei Si Hai!" An elderly sectless cultivator finally mustered enough courage and said excitedly.